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Is the world growing worse and going to the bad?

We daily hear of the most atrocious and horrible crimes being committed in various portions of our country—revolting crimes against nature, cold-blooded and unjustifiable homicides, strange and perfectly unaccountable suicides, shocking and startling freaks of insanity, depraved and cruel acts of human hyenas, corrupt and dishonest practices of politicians, and the most dangerous and injurious scheming of fanatics—and the whole human race seems to be increasing in wickedness and depravity to an extent entirely at variance with our boasted civilization and progress.

Some writers and speakers say that the people and the times are no worse than in former years, but that the means for obtaining information of the current events of the day, and the avidity with which this news is sought by the reading public (now numbering thousands where they once were only hundreds), and the great increase of population, fully accounts for and explains the "apparent increase of crime." Of course all the foregoing effects must be taken into consideration, but are not the causes which created the existing state of affairs.

Those who read intelligently and think profoundly can not fail to perceive, and will frankly admit, that vice, crime and depravity exist, flourish and increase in proportion to the advancement and progress of the arts and sciences, and that these evil tendencies have invariably attended the march of civilization and enlightenment in all ages; and it always will be so until the dawn of the millennium, the result of plain and fixed natural laws. Progression with a corresponding amount of retrogression has characterized the ages of the past, and history repeats itself.

The infant, free from accountability, and the child, without guile, are more pure, more easily controlled and influenced than mature and aged persons, who possess, though, one hundred times more sense and knowledge and are better able to understand and appreciate the reasons for acting in accordance with those laws and the observing of those rules of conduct which alone are conducive to health, happiness and success in this life and the assurance of a glorious immortality beyond the grave. Just so with people and nations; as they grow in age and draw nearer to the acme of human perfection and greatness, in the same proportion will vice, crime and misery increase, sometimes preponderate, until, as past history teaches us, the crisis is reached, the very foundations of social and political structures be undermined and the people fall from their pinnacle of greatness to the very lowest depths of degradation and barbarism.

The thirst for political power, the greed of gain, the love of luxury and extravagant display, combined with refined but effeminate and sensual tastes, are almost imperceptibly but surely corrupting the people of this Republic, as they have other nations in the past; and this retrogression will eventually bring decay and ruin unless arrested by revolution or a gradual and general reformation.

Formality, hypocrisy, pomp and ceremony, and innovations convenient and pleasant to an elastic conscience and "to suit the times," are insidiously creeping into the Church; the press is subsidized, or sought to be "muzzled" where it cannot be bought, for the purpose of blinding the masses; social life is a hollow mockery, full of deceit, pitfalls and snares for the

young and unwary; politics is the means by which men seek to advance their own personal interests at the sacrifice and detriment of the interest of others, and often to the serious injury and danger of subversion of the government itself; and the struggle of life is fast becoming a "game," in which the strong unite to oppress and crush the weak, and when that is accomplished try by scheming to wrest from each other their ill-gotten gains.

Why wonder at the "signs" and evil tendencies of "the times" when crime receives a rich reward and revels in luxury, while honesty and virtue are sneered at and trampled on? Success and merit is measured by the amount of money a man possesses; to get money by disreputable or dishonest means and be able to retain it is "success." "Cheek," cunning, and utter disregard of the rights of others and the absence of a conscience will insure success where honest toil and economy fails to realize a mere subsistence.

With Beecher, Rogers, Frank James and hundreds of others of like ilk, as models of perfection and monuments of American success, worthy of the emulation of our sons, and infecting the whole country with their moral leprosy, what will the future be?

There is a brighter side, of course. There is honesty, virtue, goodness, and true worth and greatness in the land—it is only evil tendencies of the times that we speak of, in a general way and not as individuals. The concentration of the money power into the hands of scheming, designing men, who seek to control the destinies of all the people; the centralization of the political power; a false sentiment of true moral worth and greatness; the decline of old-fashioned patriotism and integrity; the love of luxurious habits and imposing displays; and the mode of pushing, rushing and crushing through life, oblivious of everything except self, obliterating every kind and charitable feeling for the weak, is fast changing the American people to a nation of schemers and flint-hearted money-jobbers on the one hand, and on the other hand a class of effeminate, weak-minded sensualists.

Reformers fail because they do not first reform themselves, so that their own acts and life, as well as their utterances, will be silent but effective power to reform others.

Esquire Charles P. Whitlock, of London, a well-known colored man in this county, having attended Maryville College a session or two, has obtained a Government situation in Washington City, and left home last Monday to enter upon his duties. Mr. W. T. Golden, son-in-law of Mr. Alex. Henry, the most wealthy and prominent colored citizen in Blount county, has had a lucrative position in the U. S. Capitol for nearly a year, and has recently taken his family there. These appointments, together with Prof. Draper's and Mr. McFarland's, of Knox county, and others we can not now call to mind, is the work of that terrible man, L. C. Houk.

Col. Frederick Heiskell, who died at Rogersville on the 28th ult., was the first editor in East Tennessee. He was the father of Attorney General J. B. Heiskell and Judge C. W. Heiskell, of Memphis, and Mrs. Judge Jesse G. Wallace, of Franklin.

"ROUGH ON RATS." Clears out rats, mice, roaches, flies, ants, bed-bugs, skunks, chipmunks, gophers, etc. D. W. Duggins.

An element among the colored people in the East has been asserting of late that they have stood by the Republican party long enough without receiving any recognition for their votes. The injustice of this claim was proved in the election so far as Kansas is concerned. St. John was defeated by 8,000 plurality, but E. P. McCabe, the colored candidate for Auditor of State, was elected by over 20,000 plurality, a difference of 28,000 votes in a poll of 179,255.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Saunders, U. S. Pension man, is in town.

Gen. R. N. Hood left to-day for the State Capital, on professional business.

Mr. John Beal, one of our good patrons of the 11th District, paid us a pleasant visit Monday.

Mr. Eli Cook, a worthy young colonel of the Cloyd Creek neighborhood added his name to our growing subscription list this week.

We learn that Mr. B. F. Willard, Dr. Goddard, and Mr. Daniel Broyles, citizens of our town, who are sojourning at Hot Springs, Ark., for their healths, are improving—Mr. Willard and Mr. Goddard especially; Mr. Broyles is better but gains strength slowly, due to the effect of the hot baths.

Mr. W. W. Lawrence, of Springfield, returned last Friday from an extended trip South. He took a lot of horses to South Carolina, and was gone five weeks. Mr. Lawrence is now dealing extensively in stock.

Mrs. Mary Remer, a niece of Mrs. James Presley, who resides in Baltimore, is on a visit to her relations and is a guest of Mr. Presley of this place.

Mr. J. F. Richardson, the accomplished artist who has been taken pictures at the Austin House for several months, left to-day for his home at Cleveland, Tenn.

Accompanied by his brother, Mr. W. W. Lawrence, Rev. Jas. R. Lawrence paid this office a farewell visit last Saturday. He preached at Mr. Lebanon last Saturday, and will return to his home in Stewart county in a few days. During his visit here he renewed his acquaintance with his old friends and was hospitably and pleasantly entertained by all. He has our thanks for his subscription to the Democrat.

Mr. P. B. Love, editor of the Sevierville Enterprise, and a former citizen of Maryville, arrived in town last Thursday and remained until Saturday. He is looking well and seems to be well treated by the good people of Sevier. His paper is well printed and full of local news, and deserves the united support of the good citizens of Sevier. "Pee Bee" is a first-class printer, a clever and good-natured companion and a true friend.

Mr. Willis Leatherwood arrived with his family a few days ago after a sojourn of about twelve years in Arkansas and Kansas and thinks of spending the balance of his days in Blount.

Mr. William Calvin McConnell, only son of Mr. Alfred McConnell, of this county, after an absence of twelve years in Oregon, is on a visit to his parents and friends.

Prof. Geo. C. Jackson, our worthy County Superintendent and member-elect to the Legislature, was in town to-day and favored us with his subscription to the Democrat. On Monday next Mr. Jackson will leave for Indiana, where he will be a short time, on a visit, and then proceed to Nashville to take his seat in the Legislature, which meets next month.

We had rather be "too smart" than not at all smart nor "good-looking" either.

It is sad, but we expect to "put in" whenever our "sweet Will" prompts us.

About two columns of editorials is crowded out by the Holiday cards. Read these announcements, and you will find out where to get your supplies. We have not had such a Holiday rush on our advertising columns since we have been in business here.

Mr. C. M. Williams, a commercial traveler for a Cincinnati house, was found dead in his bed at the Hattie House, Knoxville, last Saturday evening. It is supposed he died of heart disease.

STATE NEWS.

A large amount of wheat is being sown in Tennessee this fall and winter.

Thurlock Weed's mother is buried in the city cemetery of Clarksville, Tenn., and her grave is in a very neglected condition.

G. H. Baskette, of Murfreesboro, has accepted a position on the Cincinnati News. Mr. Baskette is an experienced journalist, and will be a valuable aid to Mr. H. M. Doak in making the News a first-class paper.—Nashville World.

We learn from Sheriff Joe S. Hobbs that Mr. Wm. Bruce of Coffee's creek, has a large dog that crows just like a rooster. Some two years ago the dog began to practice this art, just as he heard the roosters, and every morning, as regular as could be, he kept up the practice, until now he is an expert.—Lynchburg News.

Nashville is connected by telephone with Lebanon, Franklin and Murfreesboro.

The matrimonial insurance business has suffered a collapse.

The old Gayoso hotel at Memphis is to be modernized and put in operation under the control of some of the best men in that city.

Maj. Campbell Wallace, of Atlanta, was seventy-seven years old last Thursday. He is a Tennessean and a member of the railroad commission of that State.

Robert Wilson, who killed Frank B. Russell in this city last September, was to-day sentenced to be hanged on January 30th.—Chattanooga Democrat.

A new case of small-pox is reported at Knoxville—a colored girl named Eliza Alexander, on Patton street, near Cumberland. It has been decided to have a pest-house, but the authorities are having trouble to locate it, property holders objecting.

There are, in Tennessee, 24,335 persons of 10 years of age and upward, who cannot read, and 410,722 10 years of age and upward who cannot write.

Colonel Gustavus A. Henry died at his home near Tusculum, Ala., on Sunday morning, the 3d inst., at the age of about forty-four years. He was the third son of the late Major G. A. Henry, known many years ago as the Eagle Orator of Tennessee, who died at Clarksville.

Hon. Jere Baxter, of Nashville, has been elected President of the Memphis and Charleston railroad.

The people of Nashville are moving earnestly to have their present expensive and extravagant system of municipal government changed. They complain that weak and inefficient men fill public offices of trust, and seem to prefer a government government modeled on the Memphis tax-district system.

Col. Gibson, of the Chronicle, declares in very emphatic and sensible language that he ignores any dissensions of his party in the last Congressional contest, and that his future efforts will be to insure peace in the Republican circles of the Second district. This is well. Wouldn't it be more polite and wiser if our Democratic contemporaries, who still nurse bitter feelings against Senator Jackson and other Democratic supporters of Mr. Russell, would imitate this stalwart Republican and forever bury any recollection of the Russell canvass to the prejudice of those who followed his lead?—Morristown Gazette.

The Height of Folly.

Then wait until you are in bed with disease you may not get over for months, is the height of folly, when you might be easily cured during the early symptoms by Parker's Ginger Tonic. We have known sickly families made the healthiest, by a timely use of this pure medicine.—Observer.

Notice.

J. T. White, Real Estate Agent, has on hand, for sale, several desirable residences, in Maryville, Tenn., and a number of excellent farms, in the vicinity in addition to those already published: One of 100 acres - - - \$700 House & Lot, 18 acres, near the depot, - - - \$2,000 Farm of 167 acres - - - \$2,000 An excellent grain and grass farm, 210 acres - - - \$4,200 Splendid plantation, rich and productive, of 700 acres on Little River - - - 25,000 Terms made to suit Purchasers.

One Dollar pays for the Democrat one year.

Highly Esteemed.

The youthful color and a rich luster are restored to faded or gray hair by the use of Parker's Hair Balsam, a harmless dressing highly esteemed for its perfume and purity.

NEWS ITEMS.

The official list of the deaths from yellow fever in Pensacola, Fla., during the recent epidemic, contains 197 names.

Gov. McEnery, of Louisiana, has given the certificate of election to Kellogg. In doing this Governor McEnery has done no more than was expected of him.

The Quakers have raised \$22,000 toward the erection of a new college at New Garden, Guilford county, N. C.

Tobias Forbes, of Clyde, N. Y., nearly 80 years old, whose father was a cousin of Wm. Morgan, of Masonic notoriety, says Morgan was not murdered, but went to Melbourne, Australia, and started a newspaper.

The friends of cheap postage have reason to congratulate themselves that the proposition to reduce the rate of postage on domestic letters from 3 to 2 cents has now assumed a form which virtually assumes action upon it at this session.

Denver, Dec. 7.—Details are received of the slaughter of thirty Mexicans and five Americans by Juh's band of Indians in Chihuahua.

New Orleans, Dec. 6.—At 6 o'clock this morning, the steamer "Morning Star," engaged in the lower coast trade, while coming up the river and near Belair plantation, exploded her boilers. The escaping steam at once enveloped the boat and drove thirteen of the crew into the river. Although the bank was not over one hundred yards away, ten of these drowned.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 6.—John Tringle, a wealthy German, cut his wife's throat from ear to ear this morning and then almost severed his own head from his body. Tringle came recently from Chicago, where he had resided three years; but for two years previously had been a shop merchant at New Albany, Ind. It seems that Tringle, on going to Chicago, left a nephew in charge of the New Albany property and the latter's failure to manage satisfactorily gave him so much uneasiness that he became a raving maniac.

The revision of the authorized version of the English Bible was commenced in May, 1870, and is now approaching its completion.

A Philadelphia preacher told the women of his congregation that Divine truth could not find its way into the hearts that were cramped by corsets.

A Western deacon who was caught with a deck of cards in his pocket, tried to palm himself off as an aesthetic. He swore he was always fond of engravings.

Rev. James Beecher, a half-brother of Henry Ward Beecher, has broken down from overwork, and is going to live at the Middleton, N. Y., asylum until he has recruited mentally and bodily.

The cold wave that struck us last Thursday evening is reported as general throughout this country and the United Kingdom, causing many disasters on sea and land.

It is during these days of business that a clergyman, on selecting a chapter of the Bible to read in church first looks at the end of the last verse to see that no patent medicine advertisement is hitched on.—Puck.

Black corn has been raised in Livingston, N. Y. It is described as being as black as an African, as sweet as sugar, and retains all these attributes when cooked.

Farmers have often noticed that where given apples have been left on the ground till they rotted the grass beneath them has been killed, apparently poisoned by their contact. A dressing of lime or ashes will correct this acidity and restore the soil to fertility.

Think twice before you believe every evil story you hear, and think twenty times before you repeat it, especially if it is about a woman. Say to yourself, "This may not be true or it may be exaggerated," unless you have proof of the veracity of your informant. People sometimes tell falsehoods, they often make mistakes, and they may "hear wrong." There is an auricular illusion as well as an optical illusion. Take all these things into consideration before you believe. As for repeating the story, ask yourself if it is necessary. It sometimes is necessary. Then do it with fear of God and remember the golden rule.

Don't Waste Money.

Or trashy extracts when you can buy a lasting perfume so delightfully fragrant and refreshing as Floreston Cologne.

NOTICE.

School Directors of Blount Co.

By an approximate calculation it appears that for the scholastic year 1881 there is \$1.65 to each person entitled to attend the public school, of this county, and for 1882 there will be about \$1.50 per pupil.

The exact figures cannot at present be precisely ascertained as the trustee has not yet collected the entire school tax of 1882, but these figures are sufficiently accurate to serve as a basis by Directors in calculating the length of schools throughout the county.

Respectfully, G. C. JACKSON, County Superintendent.

The Republican party will have been twenty-four years in power at the close of Arthur's term.

Mattie Orr, Union City, Tenn., says: "I used Brown's Iron Bitters for nervous weakness and was much benefited."

Gov. Bill Allen once said: "You might as well try to run an ice house in hell as an honest government with a full treasury."

The Republican party are very much interested in the oppressive internal revenue taxes just now.

S. R. Baldwin writes: "After trying Soothing Remedies without avail and Physicians without relief, I gave Dr. MOFFETT'S TEETHINA (Teething Powders), and it acted like magic. I occasionally give a powder to keep my child's gums softened."

Austin, Texas, has a pretty lady deputy sheriff. She has more attractions than she can serve.

Your accounts are all ready, and I am sitting like patience on a monument, waiting for you to come in.

Maryville Business Directory.

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E. W. TENDERS. J. L. LOWE. **TEDFORD & LOWE.** Dealers in Drugs, Medicines, Oils, Fats, Glass Lamps, Toilet Articles, Perfumery, etc. Prescriptions carefully compounded.

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Physicians' prescriptions carefully compounded at all hours.

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B. A. MORTON, M. D. Offers his professional services to the people of Blount county. Will be at office on Main Street except when absent attending to professional duties.

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W. H. Kirk, Dealer in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, &c., at the Post Office. Repairing promptly and neatly done. All goods warranted.

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J. W. NEWBY, North side Main street keep constantly on hand fresh Meats and ——— They invite the people of Maryville and vicinity to call. Popular prices. Satisfaction guaranteed.

WAGONS, BLACKSMITHING, &C.

H. O. WILLSON, On corner of College and Church streets manufactures Wagons does all kinds of Blacksmithing (e. Horse shoeing a specialty. Prices reasonable.

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W. H. KIRK. D. N. BROYLES. **Rhea and Broyles**

Have leased the Walker Mill (formerly known as the Jas. Waters Mill), where they hope to meet all of their old customers and many new ones. Improved machinery. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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